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PREFACE

"Resolved, That the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate be appointed a Committee to publish the Minutes." In accordance with this resolution of the Louisiana Conference, we respectfully present this as the result of our labors.

J. C. KEENER,
J. B. WALKER,
L. PARKER.

MISSIONS.

Constitution of the Missionary Society

OF THE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE.

ARTICLE 1. This Society shall be called the MISSIONARY SOCIETY OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE, auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, South.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to assist the Parent Society in extending Missionary operations in the United States and elsewhere.

ART. 3. The payment of *one dollar annually* shall constitute any person a member of the Society, and *ten dollars at any one time* shall secure life membership.

ART. 4. The Society shall elect a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, whose term of service shall be during the pleasure of the Society, and who shall constitute a Board for the transaction of business.

ART. 5. The Board shall meet annually at such place as may be appointed for the annual Conference, on the afternoon of the first day of its session:

To confer with the Missionaries employed the previous year within the Conference territory, securing from each of them a *written report* of the *state* and *prospects* of his mission, and of the *amounts collected* by him for Missions, with the *name of each contributor*, to be embodied in the Annual Report of the Society:

To ascertain the Missions proper to be sustained and the number of Missionaries to be employed in the Conference District, to be presented to the Bishop in writing:

To make the necessary arrangements for holding the annual meeting of the Society at some time during the session of the Conference: and

To appoint a committee to audit the accounts of the Treasurer, and endorse the report of the Secretary before it is read to the Society.

Art. 6. At all meetings of the Board of Managers three members shall be necessary to form a quorum.

Art. 7. The President shall preside at all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially absent, when the Vice President shall preside, or in his absence a chairman chosen by nomination without debate.

Art. 8. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the Society and Board, unless providentially hindered, when it shall be his duty to transmit the records to the place of meeting. He shall keep a journal of their proceedings, and prepare the Annual Report.

Art. 9. The Treasurer shall receive and hold all amounts collected for Missionary purposes in all the stations, circuits and missions throughout the Conference during the year, forwarding them to the General Treasury; and shall publish a report of the same in such way as the Board shall direct.

Art. 10. The minutes of each meeting of the Society shall be signed by the President and Secretary.

Art. 11. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, at the recommendation of the Board of Managers.

At a meeting of the Society in Shreveport, December 27, 1849, it was resolved unanimously "that the whole system of Missionary operations in this Conference be made to conform to the following plan, as written out for us by Bishop Capers, to wit:

1. The Missionary Committee of the Conference shall estimate the whole amount which is necessary for the Preacher appointed to any mission drawing for support upon the funds of the General Missionary Society.

2. The sum thus estimated shall be drawn for upon the General Treasurer, in Quarterly instalments, payable in advance of each Quarter.

3. The above being the whole amount which any Missionary shall be at liberty to apply to himself; the friends of the mission paying to him their contributions, he will pay them over to the Conference Missionary Society, or to the Treasurer of the General Missionary Society, as may be convenient, without delay.

4. The missionary being thus provided for out of the Missionary Treasury, will be expected and required to use his best endeavors to obtain as much as he prudently can for the Society.

5. At each Conference a Committee of Publication shall be appointed to prepare the Minutes of the Conference for publication, and in this will be included the Missionary Reports; and especially every single cent which may have been contributed during the year by any person for the support of missions, which shall be sent to every one of our friends, especially to such as have contributed, whether the amount be $100 or one cent.

Officers of the Louisiana Conference Missionary Society.

Rev. JOEL SAUNDERS	President.	Rev. LEWIS A. REED,	Director.
" R. RARDLE,	Vice President.	" J. M. HOFER,	"
" J. C. KEENER,	Secretary.	" PHILO M. GOODWYN,	"
" H. N. McTYEIRE,	Treasurer.	" STEPHEN J. DAVIES,	"

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

In bestowing a glance upon the Missions of the Church, we can safely assume that they never enjoyed a larger average prosperity. The success of Foreign Missions is a question of time alone. Their success must be reached through many slow but necessary stages of

development, and the final triumph depends upon the hearty and persevering support which they shall receive at our hands. The present actual results cannot be estimated by the number of conversions, but by the steady advancement of what may be called the preparatory stages of the work. Some time is required to prepare the Gospel for the heathen, and some time to prepare the missionary to preach it to them. In many foreign missions these preparatory stages are passed, and they are in the midst of a grateful fruitage—a harvest of immortal souls.

The China Mission is the only foreign mission proper which our Church has projected. Three or four converts are all that this mission has reclaimed from idolatry. Applying the rule of estimate just adverted to, much has been done. The Gospel is now ready for China, and the missionaries are becoming more proficient in the language through which it must be proclaimed. Admidst the discouragements of apparent regression from the loss of men and natural obstacles, there is always this aspect of hope and promise, that the work is in a premature and germinal state, and that, in due time, it will be quickened into a more vigorous and expansive life. To give up this mission would react unfavorably upon the faith and enterprise of the Church; and if its continuanee should accomplish nothing more for years to come, it will at least keep the salvation of China before the Church as the subject of its prayerful solicitude, and as a stimulant to more enlarged and world-wide liberality. A healthful and vigorous Evangelism cannot be maintained at home without the wholesome reactionary influence derived from the maintenance of missions abroad. If no other benefit were to accrue from them, the spirit of missions which they foster in the Churches abundantly warrants the continuance and enlargement of this field of labor.

It is hoped that Nicaragua and other Central American States will be open to our missionaries in a very short time, if they do not already invite their occupancy. This field lies at the door of the Southern Church, and she must be responsible for its culture. We ought to strike vigorously and independently in this direction. In our last Report the importance of the French language was urged upon the attention of the Conference, with a direct view to the work amongst the Catholic and Creole French of our own State. With a view to the

establishment of missions in Central America, we would urge the farther importance of the Spanish tongue. We have Bibles and tracts in these languages. We now need living preachers, who can speak to the French and Spanish in their own languages. The acquisition of these languages by the young men of our Conferences, and by those young men in our literary institutions who are looking forward to the ministry, cannot be too much insisted on. Without these tongues "the tongue of fire" will be powerless to reach these objects of our missionary zeal. With an open field for French missions in our midst, it is unoccupied for want of men acquainted with a language which can be nearly mastered in a year!

The domestic missions in which the Conference is more immediately interested, are the German Missions in New Orleans, and the Colored Missions throughout the State. The German work in New Orleans is of the first importance. Its progress is more satisfactory than any of our other missions. Two new houses of worship have been opened and dedicated during the year, built at a cost of about $3,500. One of them, known as the Beer-Garden Chapel, is situated not far from the rear limits of the Third District, in the midst of a numerous German population, and is already filled, and accomplishing much good. The other is in Carrollton, and is supplying a long-felt want of that populous and growing suburb of the city. A debt of nearly $1,500 has been incurred in its erection, and which we hope will be speedily liquidated by the friends of the cause. In addition to the two which have been built, another has been purchased of a society of Germans which was not connected with us, and has now become the property of our own Church. It is most eligibly situated in the Fourth District. We have in all six Chapels in which congregations of Germans are regularly preached to in their own language. The central brick Church, which has been under consideration for several years, is not yet built. The necessity for this Church is becoming greater every day. Are we not prepared to say that it *shall* be built? In a financial and social view the German missions will prove remunerative in the end. The German Methodists are rising in the scale of social elevation, and they are becoming every year more able to help themselves and others. The progress amongst them in this respect is encouraging, and should lead us to give them a present, liberal and

efficient support. To meet liabilities already incurred for Church building, and to put up the contemplated brick edifice, the round sum of *ten thousand dollars* is needed to-day.

The number and particular state of the colored missions have been presented. Nothing need be said to convince of the importance of this work—our own peculiar work it is, and we must do it. We stated in our last report that the best line of policy yet suggested was to build road-side Chapels. We think this is still the best plan. One good Chapel would accommodate a neighborhood of several plantations, and secure the Gospel to a larger number, and at a far less expense of time and labor on the part of the preacher, than the course commonly pursued of preaching on the plantations and at the quarters. This plan would enable us to unite the circuit and mission work, and thus cause each to contribute to mutual efficiency. The policy of Missions devoted *exclusively* to the blacks, in the hands of our own Conference, is questionable. In some instances it may be necessary for the present, but there are weighty reasons for its discontinuance so soon and so generally as circumstances will admit. The colored work should be incorporated with the Circuits and Stations, and made an integral part of them. This, if judiciously accomplished, would diminish the expense, and place the preachers in positions of more enlarged usefulness. Besides, we are of opinion that such a course would lead to increased religious benefits amongst the blacks. The building of roadside Chapels is highly important in view of the inauguration and successful prosecution of this policy.

The collections of the several Conferences during the year have generally exceeded those of other years. In proportion to membership, Louisiana is not behind; but we have done nothing in comparison with what we might have done. The total amount contributed last year by the Louisiana Conference was a fraction over fifty-nine cents for each white member! When we consider the sums contributed by a few individuals, which make up the most of the whole, it leaves us to the very unpleasant conclusion that the majority of the members of the Church have contributed nothing at all. This is the measure of our liberality whilst six hundred millions of heathens have never heard of Christ, and are perishing in ignorance of the Gospel!

Our great want is disclosed by this statement—we want the spirit

of Missions. Our people generally have nothing that is worthy of the name. The great practical question to be solved is, how are we to inspire the Church with this spirit? Much depends upon our preachers. They give tone to the Church. Our people need light upon this subject, and it must be diffused by the ministry. They need example, and that example must be found in their pastors. The Church has produced but few real missionaries in her entire history. The centuries of her life will enumerate them all. In order to vitalize the Church the ministry must be first baptised with the spirit of missions, and through them it will be taken to the homes and altars of the people. Until prominence is given to this subject in the ministrations of the pulpit, and until it receives a glowing and fervid exhibition in *our* hands, it will be likely to languish in the congregations. The want of zeal can be supplied only by the inculcation of *right principles* of giving. An appeal to the highest motives of Christian obligation is the road to permanent success. The constraining love of Christ, is the key-note upon which these appeals should be sounded. This spirit must become a prevailing element of the religious life, and the Christian conscience must be awakened to the duty, before we can count upon results which shall be worthy the cause, and proportionate to the means at our disposal. The treasury, in the long run, has been a loser, by appeals based upon superficial and temporary considerations, and the Church has been spiritually impoverished. The inculcation of right principles of giving will enrich the piety of the Church, at the same time that it will supply the financial demand of missions. Appeals based upon principle, besides entailing no moral loss, will secure a larger result at every repetition. The subject of missions should not be neglected in the Sunday Schools. Through their influence the Church will be educated to give, and to sustain the cause. The interest manifested by Sunday Schools is one of the most auspicious signs of the times. Were this interest in missions sustained in all the Schools of our Church, the next generation of Christians would be emphatically a missionary generation. We do not hope to realize the highest ideal of the missionary spirit through any other means. It can be attained by education alone. The missionary idea should be made prominent in the religious culture of the young. The Christian mothers of our country, by attention to this subject, could give the gospel to the world in thirty years.

FORM OF CONSTITUTION

FOR

"JUVENILE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES."

ARTICLE 1. This Association shall be called the *Juvenile Missionary Society of the Sabbath School.*

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ART. 3. The object of this Society shall be the raising of funds for the purpose of educating Chinese youth in this country, and such other objects as the Society shall direct.

ART. 4. The Officers shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Managers.

ART. 5. All officers shall be elected for a term of and no person who is not a member of the Sabbath School, and also of this Society, shall be eligible to any office.

ART. 6. It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society; and in the absence of the President, this duty shall devolve upon the Vice President.

ART. 7. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Society; to keep an alphabetical list of all the members; to call the roll at each meeting, and note those absent, and the amounts severally paid in by those present; to enter upon the Minute Book the Treasurer's Report and such other reports as may be directed by the Society.

ART. 8. The Treasurer shall receive and keep all the funds of the Society, and report the amount on hand and receipts at each regular meeting; and the names of all in arrears.

ART. 9. The Board of Managers shall consist of the Superintendent of the Sabbath School, one male and one female teacher, five boys and five girls. Five members of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

It shall be the duty of the Board to attend to all matters of business during the interval of the regular meetings, for which purpose the Superintendent may call them together.

ART. 10. No money shall be paid out of the treasury, except by order of the Society or the Board of Managers.

ART. 11. Any person desiring to become a member of this Society may do so by paying *ten cents* as initiation fee, and five cents monthly thereafter.

ART. 12. This Society shall hold its regular meetings on the first Sabbath of every month; fifteen shall constitute a quorum. The order of proceedings shall be as follows:

1. Reading Minutes of preceding meeting.
2. Receiving new members.
3. Calling Roll and receiving Monthly Dues.
4. Unfinished Business.
5. Report of Treasurer.
6. Report of Committees.
7. Miscellaneous Business.
8. Adjournment.

ART. 13. At the last regular meeting of the financial year, the Society shall determine the special disposition of the funds in hand.

ART. 14. This Society shall hold its Anniversary at such time and place as the Board of Managers shall direct.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

H. N. McTYEIRE, Treas'r.,

IN ACCOUNT WITH LOUISIANA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1857.	NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.		Dr.	
Carondelet street		$345 00		
" " Sabbath School Missionary Society		185 00		
				$530 00
Felicity street S. S. M. S.				423 00
Moreau street		114 25		
" " S. S. M. S.—[This amount was contributed for the German Mission Church in N. Orleans]		87 00		
				201 25
First German Church		140 00		
" " " S. S. M. S.		60 00		
				200 00
Second German Church		101 40		
" " " S. S. M. S.		36 44		
				137 84
Third German Church				54 00
Fourth " "				41 00
N. O. Circuit		109 55		
" " S. S. M. S.		74 50		
				184 05
Thibodeaux		40 00		
" S. S. M. S.		6 00		
				46 00
Wesley, Soule and Winans Chapels				350 00
Baton Rouge				106 00
Plaquemine and Point Coupée				50 00
Lafourche and Bayou Black Circuit, $468 95, to wit:				
Wm. Littlejohn		$120 00		
Mrs. Eliza Pugh		30 00		
Col. W. Robertson		50 00		
Judge H. Cage		50 00		
Marson, Seddon & Wilkins		100 00		
George Jones' Blacks	$3 40			
E. E. Kittridge's Blacks	2 25			
		5 65		
Donaldsonville	4 95			
Tigerville	8 35			
		13 30		
Wm. Littlejohn		50 00		
T. Gibson		50 00		
				468 95
				$2792 09

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Franklin and Pattersonville, $155 55. To wit:

Public Collection at Franklin		$33 50
To make Bishop Kavanaugh L. M.;		
Dr. Kilgore	$5 00	
H. C. Wilson	5 00	
S. J. Davies	5 00	
Mr. Price	5 00	
		$20 00
To make Mrs. Kavanaugh L. M.:		
Dr. Kilgore	$5 00	
Mr. Murphy	5 00	
Mrs. Price	5 00	
H. C. Wilson	5 00	
		20 00
To make Mrs. Price L. M.:		
Dr. Kilgore	$5 00	
H. C. Wilson	5 00	
Bishop Kavanaugh	5 00	
Mrs. Kilgore	5 00	
		20 00
To make Mrs. H. C. Wilson L. M.:		
S. J. Davies	5 00	
Mrs Price	5 00	
Mr. Price	10 00	
		20 00
To make Miss Mary Anderson L. M.:		
Mr. Johnson	5 00	
Mr. Allen	5 00	
Mr. Shockley	5 00	
Thomas Wilson	5 00	
		20 00
Mrs. N. Tarkington		5 00
Collection from Colored Congregation at Franklin		5 15
Whole amount collected at Franklin		$143 65
Collected at Pattersonville		11 90
		$155 55

Opelousas Circuit, $240 00, to wit:

To constitute Mrs. S. B. Wilkins L. M.:		
B. F. Alexander	$5 00	
J. W. Rawlings	5 00	
M. Lamb.	5 00	
L. Singleton	5 00	
		$20 00
To constitute Mrs. L. Singleton L. M.:		
B. F. Alexander	5 00	
M. Lamb	5 00	
S. B. Wilkins	5 00	
Miss E. Kerby	5 00	
		20 00
		40 00
Amount carried over		$195 55

Amount brought forward			$195 55
To constitute B. F. Alexander L. M.:			
Robt. H. Mills	5 00		
L. Singleton	5 00		
Elias Steen	10 00		
		20 00	
To constitute Bosman Hayes L. M.:			
B. F. Alexander	5 00		
J. H. Gray	5 00		
J. B. Clark	5 00		
Orsamus Hayes	5 00		
		20 00	
To constitute Mrs. T. Johnson L. M.:			
J. D. Carnes	5 00		
Raphael Johnson	5 00		
Mrs. M. Lyons	5 00		
A. B. McClelland	5 00		
		20 00	
To constitute B. F. Alexander L. M.:			
B. Hayes	5 00		
William Lyons	5 00		
Jacob Lyons	5 00		
Gabriel Lyons	5 00		
		20 00	
To constitute Miss Octavia Lyons L. M.:			
J. H. Gray	5 00		
Joshua Hayes	5 00		
Wm. Lyons	5 00		
C. W. Foreman	2 50		
S. A. Andrews	2 50		
		20 00	
To constitute Henry B. Frazee L. M.:			
Henry M. Andrews	2 50		
Mansel Richard	2 50		
B. Hayes	2 50		
Mrs. S. E. Clarke	2 50		
Mrs. C. Hightower	2 50		
Wm. Lyons	2 50		
Mrs. S. Johnson	2 50		
Mrs. V. C. Clarke	2 50		
		20 00	
To constitute J. D. Carnes L. M.:			
H. B. Frazee	$2 50		
Orsamus Hayes	2 50		
T. A. Andrus	2 50		
William Lyons	2 50		
acob Lyons	2 50		
. B. Clarke	2 50		
A. B. McClelland	2 50		
Gabriel Lyons	2 50		
		20 00	
To constitute Orsamus Hayes L. M.:			
H. B. Frazee and Elisha Lyons, $2 50 each,	$5 00		
Mrs. S. E. Clarke and B. Hayes, $2 50 each,	5 00		
J. D. Carnes and A. B. McClelland, $2 50 each,	5 00		
Rev. J. H. Waters and R. Hightaur $2 50 each,	5 00		
		20 00	
			160 00
Amount carried over,			$355 55

Amount brought forward			$355 55
To constitute Miss E. R. Anderson L. M.:			
B. F. Alexander	$5 00		
Solomon B. Harmon	5 00		
R. S. Wilkins	5 00		
E. Thayer	5 00		
		20 00	
Other Sources		20 00	
			40 00
Chicot Circuit		$200 00	
From J. Dunwoody		700 00	
			900 00

The amounts from John Dunwoody were contributed in April, 1856, $300, and in February, 1857, $400. From the Circuit, to-wit:

Life Members made at Bayou Rouge, Chicot Circuit:

To constitute Sarah A. Taliafero L. M.:		
Rev. J. F. Scurlock	$5 00	
Joshua Fisher	5 00	
William Simpson	5 00	
William Walton	5 00	
		$20 00
To constitute Ann E. Perkins L. M.:		
Dr. S. H. Rushing		20 00
To constitute Sidney Pearce L. M.:		
W. C. Robert	$5 00	
Rev. J. O'Quin	5 00	
S. Perkins	5 00	
Thomas Frith	5 00	
		20 00
To constitute Rev. Mr. Carter L. M.:		
Rev. F. White	$5 00	
William Gober	5 00	
Amos Fisher	5 00	
William Walton	5 00	
		20 00
To constitute Louisiana Toler L. M.:		
William Simpson	$5 00	
Joshua Fisher	5 00	
A. Ireoon	5 00	
J. Burgess	5 00	
		20 00
To constitute Joyce Howard L. M.:		
George Fitch	$5 00	
William Gober	5 00	
T. J. Toler	5 00	
John Ewell	5 00	
		20 00
To constitute Rev. F. White, L. M.:		
Rev. J. F. Scurlock	$5 00	
Joshua Fisher	5 00	
William Simpson	5 00	
William Walton	5 00	
		20 00
Amount carried over		$1,295 55

mount brought forward		$1,295 55
To constitute Rev. J. F. Scurlock L. M.:		
Rev. F. White	$5 00	
S. Barnes	5 00	
W. C. Robert	5 00	
J. W. Fisher	5 00	
	$20 00	
New Iberia		400 00
making the following persons L. Ms. of the Parent Mis. Soc:		
Mrs. Charlotte Higgenbottom, Abberville, La.		
" Dorathy Spell, "		
Mr. Isaac Hoffpauir, "		
Mrs. J. A. Hoffpauir, "		
" E. D. Mills, Perry's Bridge, La.		
" K. Kibbee, "		
" M. J. Mills, "		
Miss Lucinda R. Lyons, "		
Mr. Aborn Lyons, "		
Master Jno. T. T. Pursell. "		
Mrs. A. W. Peebles, New Iberia La.		
" Elizabeth Wagganer, "		
" Martha Stubinger, "		
" Lizzie Richardson, Jeanerretts, La.		
" Mary Weeks, "		
North Rapides		242 55
Alexandria		75 45
Columbia		21 00
Harrisonburg		58 00
		$2,092 55

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport, $200 00, to wit:		
To constitute Lawrence P. Crane L. M.:		
Robert A. New	$5 00	
Mr. Black	5 00	
Mrs. Crane	5 00	
Thomas W. Jones	5 00	
	20 00	
To constitute Master Montfort Jones L. M.:		
Dr. Wasson, J. C. Beall, and others, $1 each	20 00	
To constitute Master John Scanland L. M.:		
Robert A. New, Dr. R. A. Gray, and others, $1 each	20 00	
To constitute Robert A. New L. M.:		
Shreveport Congregation contributed	20 00	
Contributed by Colored Congregation	6 00	
" by Juvenile Missionary Society	6 00	
The remainder of $200 given by different persons for "Home Missions."	89 00	
		200 00
Caddo		355 00
Mansfield		235 00
Red River		240 00
Red River Mission		200 00
Bossier		38 55
Amount carried over		$1,268 55

OUACHITA DISTRICT.

Minden		$ 65 40
Homer		214 40
To wit:		
Mount Zion	30 65	
Hickory Grove	13 00	
Homer	21 70	
Wilson's S. H.	4 45	
Wesley Chapel	6 00	
Forrest Grove	44 25	
Phillip's S. H.	6 50	
Lisbon	23 15	
Pisgah	54 50	
Hopewell	6 50	
Henry's S. H.	3 70	
Munroe and Trenton, and Colored Mission		137 55
Contributed as follows:		
To constitute Self and Wife L. M's.:		
Stephen Williams	40 00	
To constitute Mrs. Margaret O. Faulk L. M.:		
David Faulk	20 00	
To constitute his daughter, Miss Elizabeth J. Williams, L. M.:		
Stephen Williams	40 00	
To constitute Himself L. M.:		
John C. Faulk	20 00	
Miss Fanny Louisa Trippett	1 00	
" Sallie Amelia F. Trippett	1 00	
" Elizabeth Faulk	1 00	
Master Knox Faulk	1 00	
" Robert Faulk	1 00	
" Lemy Faulk	1 00	
" John Williams	1 00	
John C. Faulk	10 00	
Mrs. Isiah Garrett	10 00	
Cash	3 55	
Stephen Williams	7 00	
Ouachita		3 50
Bastrop		68 55
		489 40

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Lake Providence		$270 00
making the following persons L. M's. of the Missionary Society:		
Miss Nannie Hedrick,	Mrs. Mary A. Davis,	
" Lucy Harper,	" Elizabeth Galoway,	
" Martha Dorsey,	W. L. Knox,	
Mrs. Mary A. Collins,	J. H. D. Bomard, M. D.	
" Ann. B. Evans,	Henry Goodrich,	
" Emily Knox,	Michael Morgan,	
" Elizabeth Savage,		
Monticello Circuit		30 00
Swan Lake Circuit		174 75
Bœuff Prairie		5 00
Trinity		34 30
Amount carried over		$514 05

Amount brought forward		$514 05
Tensas Colored Mission		635 44
Richmond Circuit		45 00
To constitute Mrs. C. E. Taylor L. M.	$20 00	
" " Mark Alexander "	20 00	
		$1,194 49

FROM OTHER SOURCES.

Annual contributions of members	$48 00	
Dr. Fontaine's children	4 00	
Masters H. C. Wright, J. L. Wright, W. H. Wright, and Miss C. Wright, 50 cts. each	2 00	
Mrs. Randle, $5, Masters T. & R. Randle, and Miss L. Randle, $1, each	8 00	
R. E. Hammett, Campte, La., to make Mrs. D. E. H. a L. M.	20 00	
		$82 00

THE ANNIVERSARY AT WATERPROOF, Feb. 8.

Subscriptions for building the First German Mission Church in N. O.:

Mrs. L. Hall, Mrs. H. K. Atchison, Z. Preston, Rev. P. H. Deffinwierth, Mrs. Ira Bowman, Rev. J. C. Miller, Rev. Jas. Bowman, Rev. R. J. Harp, W. C. Curry, H. W. Drake, and Rev. F. A. Owen, for "P. H.," $100 each		$1100 00
To constitute Rev. B. M. Drake D. D. L. M.: Rev. J. C. Keener	20 00	
To constitute Rev. J. C. Keener L. M.: Rev. B. M. Drake, J. Gorton, T. L. Beard, and H. A. W. Ross, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Harriet McAlister L. M.: Revs. R. R. R. Alexander, and B. F. Alexander, $5, each, and Thos. M. Pennick, $10	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Rebecca Holcombe L. M.: Bishop Kavanaugh and H. N. McTyeire, $10, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Martha Preston L. M.: Rev. R. Randle	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. H. W. Drake L. M.: Revs. J. A. Ivy, L. Parker, and D. J. Allen, $5, each, and S. B. Surat, and Jesse Fulton, $2 50 each	20 00	
To constitute Rev. N. A. Cravens L. M.: Mrs. Elizabeth Goldman and Mrs. McCall, $10, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. E. Miller L. M.: Haggenbottom, Rev. Uriah Whatley, H. W. Drake, and Mrs. Goldman, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. S. E. Miller L. M.: Joseph Gorton, $10, and Mrs. H. K. Atchison, and Mrs. L. Hall, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Wm. Preston Sutton L. M.: Revs. N. A. Cravens, and Alex. Goodwin, $5, each, and Mrs. H. K. Atchison, $10	20 00	
To constitute Miss Vic. Harper L. M.: Wm. Miller, Frank Gorton, Matthew Bowman, and Frank Baker, $5, each	20 00	
Amounts carried over	$220 00	$1100 00

Amounts brought forward	$220 00	$1100 00
To constitute Rev. Jas. Bowman L. M.: Chas. Ira Bowman	20 00	
To constitute Rev. J. Pauley L. M.: W. F. Flinn, and Mrs. D. Kinnear, $5, each, and Mrs. Goldman, $10	20 00	
To constitute Rev. J. B. Walker L. M. Hon. Fred. Smith	20 00	
To constitute Rev. J. M. Hofer L. M.: Hon. E. P. Harris and Rev. F. T. Rawson, $10, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. S. J. Hawkins L. M.: Mrs. A. E. Goodwin. $10, and N. A. Cravens, and E. A. Stirling (for C. M.,) $5, each	20 00	
To constitute W. H. Foster L. M.: Rev. Sam'l. Hawes and Joseph Gorton $5, each, and Chas. Ira Bowman, $10	20 00	
To constitute Miss Lucy A. Ross, L. M.: H. A. W. Ross	20 00	
To constitute Rev. R. Randle L. M.: Revs. J. L. Wright, T. H. McClendon, Robert A. New, and Cash, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Rev. F. A. Owen L. M.: Revs. Alex. Goodwin, R. Trippett, L. Parker, and J. C, Keener, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Catherine A. C. Miller L. M.: Rev. Thos. McClendon, $10, and Rev. B. Jones and Jos. Gorton, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. E. Foreman L. M.: Rev. D. S. Watkins	20	
To constitute Miss Maria Barnett L. M.: Frank Baker, Geo. P. Murchison, F. S. Hall, and Cash, $5, each	20 00	
To constitute Rev. D. S. Watkins L. M.: W. F. Flinn	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. H. K. Atchison L. M.: Rev. N. A. Cravens, Mrs. N. A. Cravens, Rev. E. W. Griswold, H. W. Drake, $5 each	20 00	
To constitute J. Gorton Miller, L. M.: H. W. Drake, W. C. Flinn, $5 each, and cash $10	20 00	
To constitute Rev. R. J. Harp L. M.: Hon. Edgar D. Farrar, and Joshua James, $10 each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. J. Gorton L. M.: Rev. David Kinnear, Rev. J. C. Keener, Rev. R. Trippett, J. H. Kellar, $5 each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. N. A. Cravens L. M.: Rev. J. L. Wright, Rev. T. J. Lacey, Jos. Gorton, Thos. Smith, $5 each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Dr. Anderson L. M.: Rev. L. A. Reed, Rev. C. J. Halberg, Hon. Fred Smith, Mrs. M. J. Richardson, $5 each	20 00	
Amounts carried over	600 00	$1100 00

Amounts brought forward,	$600 00	$1100 00
To constitute Mrs. L. Hall L. M.:		
Rev. Jeptha Landrum, Rev. R. J. Parvin, $10 each	20 00	
To constitute Mrs. Judith Miller L. M.:		
Rev. Uriah Whatley, Rev. J. H. Watters, Rev. J. Jenkins, " J. A. Miller, $5 each	20 00	
To constitute Miss Lettie Gorton L. M.:		
Wm. H. Holcomb	20 00	
To constitute Miss Jane Anderson L. M.:		
A friend	20 00	
Wm. C. Currie	10 00	
E. P. Harris	5 00	
Mrs. Goldman	5 00	
		700 00
		1800 00
Grand Total		$9719 08
1856—March 5th and 31st—Proceeds of seven bales of cotton, given at Bastrop Anniversary		247 64
		$9966 72

		Cr.
By Publication of Misssionary Reports and Minutes		120 00
Paid for Services of Missionary on North Rapides Mission	242 55	
On Red River Mission	200 00	
On Carroll "	20 00	
On Tensas "	635 44	
		1097 99
		$1217 99
Paid to Assistant Treasurer in New Orleans		8748 73
		$9966 72

FEBRUARY 18, 1857

CONFERENCE MISSIONARY APPORTIONMENTS FOR 1857.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.

Carondelet St.	500 00	N. O. Circuit	150 00
Felicity St.	350 00	Plaquemine	100 00
Moreau St.	100 00	Thibodaux	100 00
1st German Mission	150 00	Baton Rouge	100 00
2d " "	100 00	Gross Tête	50 00
3d " "	50 00	Lafourche & B. Black	500 00
4th " "	50 00	Achafalaya Circuit	50 00

OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.

Franklin and Patti'le	200 00	North Rapides and Colored Mission	300 00
New Iberia	300 00	Harrisonburg	50 00
Opelousas	100 00	Columbia	50 00
Chicot	200 00		
Alexandria	100 00		

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.

Shreveport	200 00	Natchitoches	50 00
Caddo Circuit	250 00	Sparta Circuit	100 00
Mansfield	— —	Red River Circuit	200 00
Pleasant Hill	200 00	North Bossier	100 00

OUACHITA DISTRICT.

Minden Circuit	150 00	Munroe, and Trenton, and Col'd. Mission	300 00
Homer "	200 00	Ouachita	100 00
Jackson	50 00	Bastrop	250 00
Farmerville	50 00	Dugdemona	100 00

LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.

Lake Providence and Bunch's Bend	200 00	Bœuf Prairie	100 00
Swan Lake and Pecan Grove	200 00	Waterproof and Tensas	300 00
Monticello and Floyd	100 00	Trinity Circuit	50 00
Bayou Macon	100 00	St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel	100 00
Bœuf River	100 00	Mound Bayou	100 00
		Richmond	50 00

NOTE.—The Missions to negroes are not apportioned, because those on them are expected to do what they can, to collect, by the end of the year, and report at Conference, an amount equal to the drafts drawn for their benefit.

MINUTES.

QUESTION 1.—What Preachers are Admitted on Trial?

ANSWER.—Epaminondas D. Pitts, Wm. R. Davis, Thos. J. Upton, William D. Stayton, John H. Boult. *Re-admitted*: James L. Chapman.

Q. 2.—Who remain on Trial?

A.—Jessee Fulton, Thos. H. McClendon, Fisher T. Rawson, Dabney S. Cullen, W. G. McGaughey, J. F. Scurlock, Robert A. New, Robert Parvin, Chas. W. Hodge, Jeptha Landrum.

Q. 3.—Who are elected to Deacons Orders?

A.—Charles W. Coursey. *Local Deacons*: John N. Riley, Thos. Smith, Henry L. Green, Samuel H. Dockery, Gideon White, Stephen Tregarthan.

Q. 4.—Who are the Deacons?

A.—G. Busman, Uriah Riley, B. J. Hamilton, Wm. A. Manly, S. J. Graves.

Q. 5.—Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

A.—B. F. Alexander, S. J. Hawkins, Samuel B. Suratt, John A. Miller, Epaminondas D. Pitts.

Q. 6.—Who have located this year?

A.—Frederick K. White, B. J. Hamilton, and Moses Davis, located at their own request.

Q. 7.—Who are the superannuated and worn-out Preachers?

A.—Wm. Stevenson and Thos. Samford.

Q. 8.—Are all the Preachers blameless?

A.—They were examined one by one, and their characters were passed by the Conference.

Q. 9.—Who have died this year?

A.—Jeptha Hughes.

MEMOIR.—Jeptha Hughes was partly raised in Alabama. We have not been able to learn the time and place of his birth. He embraced religion in early life. In the year 1823, he was first licensed to exhort. In 1825 or 1826 he was admitted on trial in the Mississippi Conference. Of his early career in the Ministry we know but little.

We find him in 1836 on the Warren Circuit; in 1837 he was stationed at Manchester (now Yazoo City) and Benton. At the close of that year he was transferred to the Arkansas Conference. At the close of 1838 he located and settled on the Bonida Bayou, in what is now Morehouse Parish, La. After a few years he removed to Union Parish, and subsequently returned to Bonida. In January, 1855, he was re-admitted into the traveling connection by the Louisiana Conference, and stationed at Monroe and Trenton. During this year his health failed; he was placed on the supernumerary list, and appointed to the Bastrop Circuit. Some time in the month of June, 1856, he was stricken with paralysis, from which he never fully recovered. He was able to ride, but never attempted to preach afterwards. He finally sunk under the disease, and on the 11th of September, 1856, sweetly fell asleep. In his last illness he conversed but little, but recognized his friends, and was sensible to the last. Two or three days before his departure he said that he felt confident that all was well. Brother Hughes was a man of deep piety, and as a Preacher he was an "able Minister of the New Testament." When in the regular work he was always at his post, and as a local Preacher he was abundant in labors. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn his loss; but they mourn not as those who have no hope.

JOEL SAUNDERS, Committee.

Q. 10.—What are the numbers in Society?

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	White		Colored		Local Pr'chers	
	MEM.	PROB.	MEM.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Carondelet Street	211	43			3	
Felicity Street	214	20			5	
Moreau Street	97	53			1	
Wesley, Soule and Winans Chapels			1126	179		4
First German Mission	65				2	
Second " "	82	40			1	
Third " "	11	1				
Fourth " "	20	4				
New Orleans Circuit	76	25				
Baton Rouge	112	21	113	40	2	1
Plaquemine and Point Coupée	70		150			
Thibodeaux	23	10	50	23		
Lafourche and Bayou Black—Circuit and Mission	43	12	575	56		
	1024	229	2014	298	14	5

	White		Colored		Local Pr'chers	
	MEM.	PROB.	MEM.	PROB.	WHITE.	COL'D.
Numbers brought forward	1024	229	2014	298	14	5
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.						
Franklin and Pattersonville	267		450		2	
New Iberia	215	47	42	18	2	
Au Large Prairie Colored Mission			123			
Opelousas Circuit	164	67	4	50	1	
Chicot Circuit	75	41	57	47		
Alexandria	54		113			
North Rapides and Mission	106	16	192	18		
Columbia Circuit	55	19	5	1		
Harrisonburg	382	85	22	6	3	
	1318	275	1008	140	8	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.						
S'hreveport	60	10	75			
Caddo Circuit and Mission	175	100	68		5	
Mansfield Circuit	212	16	200	12	3	
Natchitoches	138	234	19	22	6	
Red River	175	40	83	128	4	1
North Bossier	97	28	58	14		
	857	428	503	176	18	1
OUACHITA DISTRICT.						
Minden Circuit	184	30	118	17	3	
Homer Circuit	553	133	163		11	
Munroe and Trenton	26	12		17		
Ouachita Circuit	326	61			6	
Munroe Colored Mission			61			
Bastrop	168	47				2
Bastrop Colored Mission			45	128		2
Jackson Circuit	496	93	90	11		
Farmerville	300	30	150		3	
Sparta Circuit	337	128	74	74		
Dugdemonia	144	84			3	
	2534	618	701	247	26	4
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.						
Lake Providence	80	19	19	24	1	
Carroll Colored Mission			82			
Monticello	140	50			1	
Swan Lake	106	60	38		2	
Bœuf River	38	23	23		2	
Bœuf Prairie	182	176	21	22	5	
Trinity Circuit	121	63	66		1	
Waterproof and St. Joseph	169	19			2	
Tensas Colored Mission	6	4	310	208		
Richmond	43		81			
	885	414	640	254	14	
Grand Total	6618	1964	4866	1115	80	15
Increase of this Year	582	745	487	413		3
Decrease of this Year					13	

MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.

Q. 11. What amounts are necessary to meet the CLAIMS of the Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of Preachers, and to make up deficiencies of those Preachers who have not obtained Disciplinary allowance?

A.—For Superannuates	$940 00	
" Widows and Orphans	830 00	
		$1770 00

Q. 12. What amount of Widows and Orphans per cent. has been collected?

ANSWER:

New Orleans District	$89 50	
Carondelet Street	72 00	
Felicity Street	120 00	
Moreau Street	51 00	
Wesley, Soule, and Winans Chapels	27 20	
First German Mission	30 30	
Second " "	42 00	
Third " "	27 00	
New Orleans Circuit	30 25	
Baton Rouge	38 50	
Plaquemine	24 00	
Lafourche and Bayou Black	60 00	
Thibodaux	10 87	
		622 62
Opelousas District	54 00	
Franklin and Pattersonville	.. ..	
New Iberia	15 00	
Au Large Prairie	.. ..	
Opelousas Circuit	21 00	
St. Landry Mission	.. ..	
Chicot	28 25	
Alexandria	30 00	
North Rapides	32 70	
Columbia	15 00	
Harrisonburg	17 00	
		207 95
Amount carried over		$830 57

Amount brought forward		$830 57
Shreveport District	36 40	
Shreveport	12 00	
Caddo	24 65	
Mansfield	36 00	
Natchitoches	12 55	
Red River	37 50	
North Bossier	16 50	
		175 60
Ouachita District	40 54	
Minden	19 56	
Munroe and Trenton	45 00	
Homer	36 59	
Ouachita	19 50	
Munroe Colored Mission	24 00	
Bastrop	15 00	
Bastrop Colored Mission	30 00	
Jackson Circuit	10 00	
Sparta	18 25	
Dugdemona	6 80	
Farmerville	17 00	
		282 24
Lake Providence District	82 36	
Lake Providence	34 29	
Monticello	36 36	
Swan Lake	42 15	
Bœuff River	7 75	
Bœuff Prairie	44 45	
Trinity	36 00	
Waterproof	80 00	
Tensas Mission	40 60	
Richmond	33 60	
		437 56
By Error	5 23	
Collection in Conference Room	28 80	
		44 03
		$1770 00

Q. 13. How has the foregoing sum been applied?

TO SUPERANNUATES.

Thomas Samford	340 00	
William Stevenson	300 00	
David Kinnear	300 00	
		940 00

TO WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

Matilda Page	150 00	
Sister Foster and child	175 00	
Widow and Orphans of Brother Turnly	305 00	
Orphans of Brother Guice	120 00	
" " " Trostrick	40 00	
" " " Benton	40 00	
		830 00
		$1770 00

ORPHANS AND WIDOWS' PER CENT.

Resolved, That at this session the Conference will estimate for the year following what amount will be needed to provide for the support of Superannuates, Widows, and Orphans, and what per centage that amount is of the sum of the entire salaries of the members of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference will, at its next session, collect of each preacher such a per cent. upon his entire *receipts* for the year.

Resolved, That the Stewards of circuits and stations are hereby requested to add such a per cent. to the salary of each preacher and provide for it accordingly.

Resolved, That those works which may be supplied be requested to collect in the same manner the same per centage upon the whole amount of their actual receipts, and send up to the next session of the Conference.

Resolved, That the Conference declare THE WIDOWS AND ORPHANS PER CENT. FOR 1857 TO BE SIX PER CENT.

Resolved, That the Preachers who have failed to pay their Widows and Orphans per cent. be requested to send or bring up the amount to the next Conference.

Resolved, That those members of this Conference who may, at any time, be appointed to institutions of learning, or special agencies, be required to pay *the Widows and Orphans per cent.* upon their actual *receipts.*

Resolved, That the Preachers, in making their reports of claims and receipts, be required, in case of deficiency, to make a pro rata division of the amount received between quarterage and table expenses, but at the same time, that the Stewards of the Conference be instructed not to make any appropriation to make up the deficiency of any effective preacher until the claims of the worn out Preachers, and Widows, and Orphans have been met.

Resolved, That whenever, in the judgment of the Preacher of a Circuit or Station, it is advisable to do so, he shall take a collection for the purpose of obtaining the full amonnt of the per cent. for which he is responsible.

Total Allowance and Total Receipts.

		Allowance.	Receipts.
New Orleans District	J. C. Keener	$1470 00	$1218 00
Carondelet St.	Linus Parker	1200 00	1200 00
Felicity St.	J. B. Walker	2000 00	2000 00
Moreau St.	J. A. Ivy	850 00	850 00
Wesley, Soule & Winans' Ch'ls.	H. N. McTyeire	1000 00	803 00
First German Mission	John Paulé	500 00	500 00
Second " "	J. M. Roper	700 00	700 00
Third " "	G. Busman	450 00	450 00
New Orleans Circuit	J. A. Miller	428 00	428 00
Baton Rouge	S. B. Suratt	450 00	450 00
Plaquemine	H. Avery	410 00	400 00
Lafourche and Bayou Black	L. A. Reed	1200 00	800 00
" "	Jesse Fulton	175 00	175 00
Thibodaux	Sam. Hawes	250 00	181 00
Opelousas District	P. M. Goodwyn	900 00	900 00
Franklin and Pattersonville	S. J. Davies	1200 00	900 00
New Iberia	J. H. Waters	250 00	250 00
Au Large Prairie	J. T. Fontaine	— —	— —
Opelousas Circuit	B. F. Alexander	400 00	350 00
St. Landry Colored Mission		— —	— —
Chicot Circuit	F. White	200 00	200 00
" "	J. T. Scurlock	187 00	187 00
Alexandria	A. E. Goodwyn	500 00	500 00
North Rapides	Uriah Whatly	600 00	545 05
Columbia	S. J. Graves	400 00	252 00
Harrisonburgh	R. Parvin	200 00	200 00

		Allowance.	Receipts.
Shreveport District	R. Randle	658 00	561 00
Shreveport	R. A. New	200 00	200 00
Caddo	T. M. Peneck	460 00	411 00
"	Allen W. Harper	— —	— —
Mansfield	T. J. Lacey,	685 00	600 00
Natchitoches	C. W. Coursey	159 00	109 00
"	Thomas McLendon	150 00	100 00
Red River	J. L. Wright	813 00	587 00
North Bossier	J. Landrum	275 00	275 00
Mansfield F. College	H. C. Thweatt	— —	— —
Ouachita District	Joel Saunders	975 00	675 00
Minden	R. R. R. Alexander	401 00	325 00
Munroe and Trenton	R. Trippett	750 00	750 00
Homer	D. S. Watkins	750 00	514 00
"	F. T. Rawson	150 00	96 00
Ouachita Circuit	C. W. Hodge	550 00	325 00
Munroe Colored Mission	B. C. Stegall	400 00	490 00
Bastrop	J. Pipes	— —	— —
Bastrop Mission	J. S. Hewett	500 00	500 00
Jackson Circuit	B. J. Hamilton	600 00	167 00
Sparta	Wm. A. Smyth	700 40	302 90
Dugdemona	D. P. Cullen	525 00	113 00
Farmerville	R. M. Crowson	500 00	283 00
Lake Providence District	N. A. Cravens	2000 00	1372 00
Providence	D. M. K. Collins	900 00	569 00
Monticello	S. J. Hawkins	1000 00	613 50
Swan Lake	W. G. McGaughey	1250 00	702 67
Bœuff River	Wm. A. Manley	600 00	129 50
Bœuff Prairie	Uriah Riley	1000 00	740 90
Trinity	Moses Davis	600 00	600 00
Waterproof	R. J. Harp	1275 00	1275 00
Tensas Mission	E. W. Griswold	317 00	317 00
" "	To supply	317 00	317 00
Richmond	C. J. Hallberg	1200 00	560 00

EDUCATION.

Q. 14.—What is the action of the Conference on the cause of Education?

A.—The Report of the Committee on Education was adopted as follows?

Your Committee on Education beg leave to submit the following Report:

Education, moral and intellectual, in our bounds is increasing in importance. Communities that have heretofore been opposed to our institutions of learning are now favorable toward them, and have become their zealous patrons. We rejoice to see the numbers of our

institutions increasing. An extensive portion of our Conference Territory can be reached only through the instrumentality of our institutions. In this quarter extensive efforts are being made by able and influential teachers, whose labors are being crowned with success. We are happy to report our institutions as being in a healthy, flourishing condition, as the statistical reports will confirm.

CENTENARY COLLEGE.

Your Committee is under obligations to Brother J. C. Miller, President of this institution, for the following facts :

This institution is under the joint patronage of the Mississippi and Louisiana Conference. It is in a healthy and prosperous condition, doing all for the promotion of sanctified learning that its most sanguine friends anticipated in its establishment.

It promises, under the blessing of God, to do a still greater work than it has yet done for the Church, in the accomplishment of its great educational theory.

It registered two hundred and thirty Students during the last academical year, and the present term opens with a larger foreign patronage than at any former period. It has one hundred and thirty-nine Alumni, many of whom are now occupying prominent positions in Church and State, as ministers, lawyers, physicians, professional teachers and agriculturists. It has about 5,000 volumes in its libraries, a carefully-selected mineralogical and geological cabinet; an extensive chemical and philosophical apparatus, unsurpassed by any in the Southern country. It has ample accommodations for three hundred students. It has a full faculty of able, experienced and laborious men, all given to the one work of instruction and moral development of the young men committed to their care.

Its endowment fund is about $25,000. This fund is invested on good security, the interest only being applied to the support of the Faculty.

This fund the Joint Board have resolved to increase to seventy-five thousand dollars, so as to place the College above contingency, by paying such salaries as shall enable them to command the best services of the best men that our country affords. The importance of this fund to the permanency and perpetuity of any college of high grade, can only be fully appreciated by those who are intimately acquainted with the history of literary institutions in Europe and America.

The Joint Board are now engaged in the erection of a center College building, designed for recitation rooms, library rooms, apparatus rooms, chapel society halls, &c. This is a work of great magnitude, and indispensable to success. It is under contract, and will be ready for use by the opening of our next term. It will cost about sixty thousand dollars. Of this amount about forty-five thousand has been secured; the balance is yet to be raised by subscription, and is an interest that should commend itself to the prayers and labors of the brethren of this Conference.

To show the pecuniary interest our Conference has in this institution in common with our brethren of the Mississippi Conference, we further submit the following estimate of property belonging to the Church, which has been dedicated to the great work of Christian education:

Land and Buldings, when the present center building is completed	$110,000
Endowment Fund	25,000
Libraries—College and Society	6,000
Cabinet—Mineralogical and Geological	3,500
Apparatus—Chemical and Philosophical	6,500
Total Amount	$154,000

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, that we consider the sustaining of Centenary College, occupying the relations it does to our Church, as being of great and almost primary importance.

Resolved, Second, that we continue to recommend Centenary College to the patronage of our friends.

Resolved, Third, that we most cordially invite some of the members of the Faculty to become the members of our Conference by transfer.

MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.

Your Committee has been favored with several communications in reference to this flourishing institution. From them we learn that the last examination was one that reflected honor on the institution, and greatly increased its reputation.

This institution has a complete and efficient Board of Professors,

who are doubtless giving entire satisfaction. We also learn that the main building will be completed by the next commencement.

Owing to a defect in the original plan of the College-buildings, it is thought another room, capable of seating one thousand persons, is indispensable.

For the construction of this building about twenty-five thousand dollars has already been raised, and it is sanguinely hoped by the Trustees that the friends of this institution will assist them in erecting said building.

The following resolutions are respectfully submitted by your Committee:

Resolved, First, that we recommend to the Bishops to appoint Rev. H. C. Thweatt to the Presidency of Mansfield Female College; also, to appoint Rev. E. D. Pitts to the Vice-Presidency, and to a Professorship in the same institution.

Resolved, Second, that we recommend the appointment of an Agent to collect funds for the Mansfield Female College, his salary to be fixed and paid by the Trustees out of the monies collected by him.

Resolved, Third, that we recommend Mansfield Female College to the patronage of our friends in our fields of labor.

HOMER COLLEGE.

Your Committee has received several communications respecting this young and rapidly-growing College.

No institution of its age is surrounded with more flattering prospects.

The preparatory department is now in successful operation. The College-building is under contract—having a subscription of more than sixteen thousand dollars, which will more than complete it.

If the public mind were awake to the importance of this College, it would soon rival many of its older sisters.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, First, that this Committee recommend the appointment of William F. Moreland, James F. Scafe and T. M. Wafer, as Trustees to fill vacancies in the Board of Homer College, occasioned by the resignation of Samuel McRae, William O'Brien and Joshua Willis.

Resolved, Second, that we recommend the appointment of an

Agent for Homer College, for the purpose of raising an endowment fund—his salary to be fixed and paid by the Trustees of said College.

Resolved, Third, that we recommend Homer College to the patronage of our friends.

BATON ROUGE COLLEGIATE MALE INSTITUTE.

This young and flourishing institute is under the superintendency of Professor W. H. N. Magruder. The scholastic ability and reputation of this gentleman are a sufficient guaranty for its success.

We respectfully submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That we will manifest the interest we feel in the prosperity of the Collegiate Male Institute at Baton Rouge, by securing for it a more extensive patronage.

FEMALE SEMINARY AT BATON ROUGE.

Your Committee would express their high appreciation of the labors of Mrs. Reed in this flourishing Seminary, assisted by an able corps of teachers. She has done much in educating the young ladies within our bounds, having procured buildings at Greenwell Springs, where she can take her pupils during the epidemic. No fears respecting it need hereafter be entertained.

Your Committee would respectfully submit the following resolution :

Resolved, That our confidence is unabated in the ability of Mrs. Read as a teacher of young ladies, and we recommend her school to all of our friends as an excellent place where their daughters can receive a finished education.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That J. M. Morrow, J. J. Bryan, William Lackey, R. M. Kennon, David Lawrence, J. D. Watkins, Jesse Smith, Rev. R. Randle, Rev. J. Sanders, T. Johnson, J. C. Blackman, Rev. D. S. Watkins, C. G. Young, E. P. Harris, B. W. Pearce, A. P. King, be appointed Trustees of Mahala College, at Minden, La.

Resolved, That we recommend the Conference to appoint Rev. H. N. McTyeire a delegate to the Southern Educational Convention to meet in Nashville during the ensuing Spring.

SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Q. 15.—What is the action of the Conference on Sabbath Schools?

A.—The following Report and Resolutions of the Committee on Sunday Schools are adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

The report of the several Stations and Circuits, summed up, presents the following aggregate: 56 schools, 442 officers and teachers, 2762 scholars, 18911 volumes in library, $1,959 73, 1148 visitors taken, and 6 juvenile missionary societies.

These figures show a *decrease* of three schools, sixty-four officers and teachers, and 292 scholars, since last report; and an *increase* of 2803 volumes, $672 84, and 327 visitors over last year. Your Committee believe that the decrease shown by these figures, has resulted from non-reporting certain unions and schools that appeared in the report of last year. The schools now reported are those solely under our charge.

Although the Sunday School cause does not advance with the rapid and triumphant steps that your Committee desire to witness, we rejoice to believe that it steadily and surely progresses.

The Institution is now regarded by enlightened philanthropists as one of the most potent, conservative and renovating instrumentalities of the age. The Sunday School enterprise contemplates the moral and intellectual improvement of society from the right quarter, the instruction and evangelization of children rather than adults—the purification of the fountain rather than the stream. This is but realizing the philosophy of the Divine Teacher, who commanded his ministers, and through them his Church, to "feed his lambs."

Children are to be brought up in the "nurture and admonition of the Lord." It is infinitely important that children should be taught and trained in childhood for their duty here and their destiny hereafter; because the mind is much more open to receive instruction, being less occupied with distracting cares than in riper years. Because the mind is far more susceptible of moral instruction and religious training, than at a later period; because impressions made in childhood,

are the deepest and most abiding, and because, should our children be called to die in the season of their youth, they are ready to render up their account with joy and not with grief.

Your Committee cannot forbear to make one suggestion, and indeed to urge it almost as a complaint—we feel that it is a matter of deep regret that comparatively so small a number of our more advanced and influential membership take hold of the Sunday School enterprize with that personal interest and devotion of time and labors that its immeasurable importance demands. We fear that in this department of christian zeal and usefulness, the influential portion of membership of our sister Churches surpass the same class in our branch of Zion. We fear that our people rely too exclusively upon the extraordinary revival efforts of our Ministry, and the hortatory character of our preaching. Let not revival labors be less on the part of our ministry, but let the Sabbath School labors of our membership be more abundant, persevering and hearty. The Son of God, the Lord of Glory, called the "little children unto him," and took them up into his arms and blest them. Let no one, no matter what his station, or his intellectual gifts, feel himself too dignified to instruct "little children," "for of such is the kingdom of heaven." Let our preachers urge this social and pastoral intercourse with the people. We feel that there is a vast latent power slumbering in the Church in this department of christian labor, that should be and must be aroused and urged into action.

J. B. WALKER,

Chairman of S. S. Committee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICS.

NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT.	No. of School.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.	No. of Vols. in Library.	Amt. Coll. for S. Schools.	No. of Visitors Taken.	No. of Juvnile Mis. Societies.
Carondelet Street	1	31	212	2100	$100 00	150	1
Felicity Street	2	38	325	1850	212 00	100	1
Moreau Street	1	31	250	1500	278 00	200	1
First German Mission	1	15	70	267	40 00		1
Second " "	2	29	240	250	45 75		1
Third " "	1	5	35	150	8 50		
Fourth " "	2	12	90	465	42 55		
Colored Charge	3		100				
Baton Rouge	1	13	80	300	40 00	9	
Plaquemine and Point Coupée	3	6	30	600			
New Orleans Circuit	5	33	370	1725	117 80		
Thibodaux and Napoleon	1	12	60	400	4 60	60	
OPELOUSAS DISTRICT.							
Franklin and Pattersonville	2	15	100	700		50	
New Iberia	4	16	90	530	17 00	68	
Opelousas Circuit	3	20	60	400	28 00	20	
Alexandria	1	7	45	700	66 40		
Harrisonburg Circuit	3	14	75	500		23	
SHREVEPORT DISTRICT.							
S'hreveport	1	10	60	250	100 00	50	1
Caddo Circuit	2	10	40	200	25 00	6	
Natchitoches							
Mansfield Circuit							
Red River Circuit	1	4	15	100	20 00	101	
North Bossier							
OUACHITA DISTRICT.							
Minden Circuit							
Homer							
Monroe and Trenton							
Ouachita Circuit	1	4	35	200			
Bastrop Circuit	1	12	75	250	35 00	23	
Sparta Circuit	3	30	150	200		101	
Dugdemona Circuit							
LAKE PROVIDENCE DISTRICT.							
Lake Providence	1	12	60	1500	15 00	57	
Monticello	3	18	65	750			
Swan Lake Circuit	2	10	40	1000	30 00		
Bœuf Prairie Circuit							
Bœuf River Circuit							
Trinity Circuit							
Waterproof and St. Joseph Circuit	5	35	90	3024	734 13	130	
Richmond Circuit and Colored Mission							
	56	442	2762	18911	$1959 73	1149	6

PERIODICALS.

Q. 16. What is the action of the Conference relative to Periodicals?

A.—The following Report of Committee on Periodicals was adopted:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee have received a full and satisfactory report from the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*. This paper has 4,800 subscribers exclusive of agents and exchanges; it has been greatly improved of late in its appearance, and is now published by its own press—and not as formerly, by contract. The additional expense incurred by this change, and the necessity of meeting the current expenses fully and punctually, call upon this Conference for greater exertions in its behalf. The present subscription list is inadequate, and must be increased, if it can be effected. The paper is one of our most important auxiliaries in preaching the Gospel in Louisiana.

The Committee have received no written report from any of the other Church papers, but they are not insensible of the claims of the *Home Circle*, the *S. S. Visitor*, and the *Quarterly Review*, upon the patronage of the Conference. We cordially recommend these periodicals to the people and Methodists of Louisiana.

The Secretary of the Mississippi Conference has furnished us with the following extract from their minutes of the last session, held in Kosciusko:

On motion, it was *Resolved*, That it is important to the interests of our Church that a Depository of our Books, Publications, and the publishing office of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, be established at New Orleans; and that we pledge ourselves to the Louisiana, Alabama, Washita, Texas, and East Texas Conferences to unite with them for the purpose of raising funds to procure a suitable building in that city, for the use of such Depository.

That our Tract Agent, for this Conference, be, and is hereby instructed to act, as Agent in collecting funds for such purpose.

Done at Kosciusko, Miss., Dec. 2, 1856, by the Mississippi Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, South. W. H. WATKINS, Sec'y.

In reference to which, the following resolutions are recommended for adoption:

Resolved, That in accordance with the action of the Mississippi

Conference at its late session, in Dec. 1856, we request the Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository, to renew their efforts to build a Depository in New Orleans, and to co-operate with the Agents of the Publishing House of the M. E. Church, South, in the establishment of a depot of our Church publications in that city, so that books may be procured there at the same rates at which books are sold by them at Nashville.

Resolved, That we will also recognise the Rev. R. Abbey as our Agent for the above named purpose, within the bounds of this Conference.

The following resolutions in reference to our Church publications are recommended:

Resolved, That we will use efforts to extend the circulation of the *Home Circle* and the *S. S. Visitor*.

Resolved, That the members of this Conference are more than ever impressed with the value of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, and that they will secure for it one thousand additional subscribers, to be obtained in the bounds of the Conference, during the present year.

Resolved, That the Tract Agent of this Conference be instructed to take up collections for the purpose of procuring the New Orleans Depository building.

REPORT OF PUB. COM. OF N. O. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

The Publishing Committee of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate* respectfully submit a statement of the affairs of the paper for the year ending Nov. 1st, 1856:

Actual expenses of publishing the *Advocate* from Nov. 1st, 1855, to Nov. 1st, 1856, including Office rent, Stationery, and the salaries of Editor and Clerk.....		$8,438 88
Amount received from Subscription.....	$7,512 54	
" " " Advertising.....	685 25	
		8,197 79
Expenditures have exceeded receipts.....		$241 09

The number of subscribers, exclusive of Agents and exchanges is 4,800, at $2	$9,600 00
Amount received from Subscribers as stated	8,197 79
Amount due by Subscribers for the year	$1,402 21

STATEMENT *of amount of drafts drawn on Messrs. Stevenson & Owens by the Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate, and for what purposes:*

Draft No. 1.—Oct. 5, 1854.—Drew on Messrs. Stevenson & Owen at one year for		$2,000 00
Draft No. 2.—Oct. 5, 1854.—Drew on same at one year for		1,000 00
Draft No. 3.—Nov. 1, 1856.—Drew on same at three months for		1,000 00
Draft No. 4.—Nov. 15, 1856.—Drew on same for		600 00
		$4,600 00

Draft No. 1.—Was paid over to J. H. Maddox for am't. due him for printing the *Advocate*, as well as the surrender of his claim on Subscribers due the paper		$2,000 00
Draft No. 2.—Was applied for the purchase of Safe for Office; repairs of and furniture of same Office, as well as sundry incidental expenses	$658 35	
Balance on hand of draft	341 65	
		1,000 00
Draft No. 3.—Was paid to J. G. Seymour of the *Commercial Bulletin*, for Printing Press		1,000 00
Draft No. 4.—Was paid to Vinten & Co., for type and articles for Composition Room		600 00
		$4,600 00

[The Committee on Minutes re-insert the action of the previous Conference on the New Orleans Methodist Depository :]

1. That we will proceed at once to take the steps necessary to build a house in the city of New Orleans to be called "The New Orleans Methodist Depository."

2. The said Depository to be held for the benefit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, under the control of the Louisiana Conference, by a Board of Trustees, to wit: J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker, H. N. McTyeire, L. Parker, Wm. H. Dameron, T. K. Price, B. M. Moss, W. H. Foster, R. L. Robertson. Who are hereby authorized to incorporate themselves as "Trustees of the New Orleans Methodist Depository," under the act providing for the organization of certain corporations in this State, approved April 30th, 1847; also April 30th, 1853. Vacancies in said Board to be filled from time to time by the Louisiana Conference.

3. The said house to be used as a Depository for the Book Agents of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South; for the publishing office of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, and such other purposes as the Conference may determine.

4. That we invite the Mississippi, Alabama, Ouachita, Arkansas, Texas and East Texas Conferences to coöperate with the Louisiana Conference in the establishment of said Depository.

The Book Committee of the M. E. Church, South, in session, Nashville, 20, 1855.

Whereas, The Louisiana Conference at its late session in Franklin took initial measures towards building, in New Orleans, a house for the deposit and sale of our publications, and for an office for the publication of the New Orleans *Christian Advocate*, and have appointed an Agent to collect funds for the same, therefore,

Resolved, That we approve of this object and recommend its early accomplishment.

The above is a correct copy of a resolution adopted on the day and date above written.

J. B. McFERRIN, Secretary.

Note.—The Depository has been duly incorporated.

TRACTS.

Q. 17.—What is the action of the Conference on the Tract Cause ?

A.—As follows :

The following persons were elected officers of the Conference Tract Society, for 1857 :

OFFICERS.

Rev. R. J. Harp, President.
" J. C. Keener, Vice President.
W. H. Foster, Esq., Secretary.
Rev. Linus Parker, Treasurer

BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR 1857.

Rev. J. B. Walker.
" R. L. Walker.
" Joel Saunders.
" N. A. Cravens.
Wm. S. Mount, New Orleans.
Wm. H. Dameron, "
Wm. L. Knox, Providence.
Major J. H. Brigham, Morehouse.
Dr. Anderson, Waterproof.
W. R. Stuart, New Orleans.
R. L. Robertson, "
Dr. Jno. W. Chevis, New Iberia.

Constitution of the Tract Society of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Article I. The Society shall be known as "The Tract Society of the Louisiana Conference."

Art. II. It shall be auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose purposes it shall promote, by aiding its funds, and by colportage or otherwise circulating the publications which receive its sanction.

Art. III. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of One Dollar per annum, or a member for life by the payment of Ten Dollars at any one time. Life-members shall be entitled to receive Tracts, at any one time, to the amount of one-half the sum paid by them.

Art. IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and twelve Directors, ministers or laymen—who shall constitute a Board of Managers, any five of whom shall be a quorum.

Art. V. The Board shall meet during the session of the Conference to fix the time and place, and to make other arrangements for the annual meeting of the Society.

Art. VI. At the annual meeting of the Society, the Annual Report of the Secretary shall be submitted, also that of the Treasurer, duly certified; annual subscriptions shall be renewed, and officers elected for the ensuing year.

Art. VII. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a majority of the Society present and voting for the proposed alteration.

The following form of Constitution was recommended to Auxiliary Societies:

Constitution of the Tract Society of the Quarterly Conference of ———.

Article I. This Society shall be known as "The Tract Society of the Quarterly Conference of ——."

Art. II. It shall be auxiliary to the Tract Society of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, whose purposes it shall promote, by aiding its funds, and by circulating the publications which receive the sanction of the Tract Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

Art. III. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of any amount in aid of its funds.

Art. IV. The business of the Society shall be conducted by a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and five Directors, who shall constitute a Board of Managers, four of whom shall be a quorum.

Art. V. The annual meeting of the Society shall be held at such a time and place as the Board of Managers shall designate. At this meeting the Secretary shall present the Annual Report of the Proceedings of the Society, and the Treasurer shall report the condition of the Treasury. Abstracts of these reports shall be forwarded to the Tract Society, of the Annual Conference, to which this Society is auxiliary.

Art. VI. This Constitution shall not be altered but by a majority of the members of the Society present and voting on the subject, at any annual or special meeting of the Society.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER OF CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

Dr.

December 1855—	Contribution of Mem. at Bastrop	$38 00		
February, 1857—	" " at Water-			
" "	proof	34 00		
" "	Homer Circuit	5 30		
" "	Jackson "	5 00		
" "	Farmerville Circuit	5 00		
" "	Dugdemona	5 00		
" "	Second German Mission	11 00		
" "	Third " "	1 00		
" "	Carondelet Street	150 00		
" "	Felicity Street	140 00		
" "	Thibodaux	80 50		
" "	Waterproof	541 00		
" "	Richmond	71 00		
" "	Providence	72 00		
" "	Baton Rouge	9 50		
" "	Ouachita	5 00		
			$1173	30
" "	Anniversary Collection at Wa-			
" "	terproof	$332 75		
" "	At Anniversary	15 00		
			347	75
Total			$1521	05

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Paid to Tract Agent	$1521	05

REPORT OF TRACT AGENT—DEPOSITORY.

Value of Books Received at Depository.

From Secretary of Parent Society, Nashville	$7257 04		
From other sources	784 10		
		$8041	14
Value of Books on Hand.			
Books in Depository	4081 98		
" in New Orleans	308 05		
" in Hands of Colporteurs	444 20		
		4834	23

Amount Received from Sales.			
Sold at Depository in Waterproof	1150	63	
Sold by Colporteurs	1249	05	
			2399 68
Amount of Expenditures on Expense of Depository.			
Insurance	46	50	
Freight on Books Received	154	00	
Clerk Salary	130	00	
House Rent	17	50	
Sundries	53	75	
Freight on Books Forwarded	28	04	
			429 79
Amount Paid on Account for Books.			
To Secretary of Parent Society	2560	00	
To others for Books	357	05	
			2917 05
Amount of Commissions and Donations.			
Donated by Colporteurs	389	24	
" on Life-Memberships	747	45	
" at Depository	130	00	
Commissions to Colporteurs	293	18	
			1559 87
Amount Collected by Agent for Parent Society.			
From Various Places (see Treasurer's Report)			1411 75

THE COMMITTE OF THE WHOLE, IN LAY SESSION.

Resolved, 1. That the Louisiana Annual Conference earnestly desires the co-operation of brethren, members of the M. E. Church, South, within the bounds of the Conference, to advance the several benevolent and financial interests which have heretofore been under the sole care of the Conference.

2. That it hereby pressingly invites each of the Quarterly Meeting Conferences within its bounds to select some one gentleman, a member of the Church, to attend at the place where the next Annual Conference shall meet, (Waterproof,) to give aid and share in the Committee action of the Conference upon the cause of Missions—the cause of Education—the Sabbath School cause—the Church Publications—the Support of the Ministry and Temperance cause.

3. That the Conference shall now appoint, from its members, the Chairman of the several Committees on the aforesaid benevolent interests, who will be expected to prepare for, during the year, a report

for the various interests they represent, *excepting* the Committees on Missions, which shall meet and act with the Board of Managers on the first day of the meeting of the Conference.

4. That upon each afternoon of the days on which the Conference shall meet, the Conference shall resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole, upon some one of the aforesaid benevolent causes; and shall, together with the Committee-men from the Quarterly Meeting Conferences, constitute the Committee on Education—the Committee on Church Publications—the Committee on Sunday Schools—the Committee on Missions—the Committee on Ministerial Support, and the Committee on Temperance. The aforesaid Chairman shall preside, and shall report, upon rising, to the President of the Conference, the action of the Committee of the Whole, in a written Report.

5. That the Preacher in charge of Mansfield be requested to make provision for the entertainment of the Committee-men of the Quarterly Conference during the next Conference Session.

6. That the following be the Chairmen of the several Committees for the next Conference:

Chairman of the Committee on Missions, Joel Sanders, President of the Missionary Society.

Chairman of Committee on Sunday Schools, J. B. Walker.
" " " " Education, S. B. Suratt.
" " " " Church Publications, Linus Parker.
" " " " Ministerial Support, C. J. Hallburg.
" " " " Temperance, N. A. Cravens.
" " " " Tracts, R. J. Harp, Pres't. Tract Society
" " " " Bible Cause, J. A. Ivey.

Resolved, That the rules regulating the Committee of the Whole in Lay Session shall differ from the ordinary rules of a Committee of the Whole in the following:

1. It shall elect its own Secretary.

2. It may appoint sub-Committees upon the subject-matter of the Committee.

3. It may limit discussion.

4. It may, upon motion, by changing the Chairman, go into the consideration of an other subject without rising.

5. It may put the previous question.

[And in this also; that the Conference does not resume its session

immediately upon the rising of the Committee, but meets at its usual hour, and then the Chairman of Committee makes report.—*Pub. Committee.*]

The following Lay-Committee-men were present and took their seats in the Committee of the Whole in Lay session:

John Richardson, New Iberia.
W. C. Currie, Lake Providence.
E. P. Harris, Bienville.
Rev. H. L. Green, (Local Preacher,) Concordia.
Rev. J. Riley, (Local Preacher,) Catahoula.
Rev. R. Ricketts, (Local Preacher,) Baton Rouge.
Dr. W. D. Anderson, Waterproof.
Wm. H. Foster, Esq., Felicity street, New Orleans.
J. Keller, German Missions, New Orleans.

PREACHERS FUND SOCIETY.

J. C. KEENER, *Treasurer, in account with the Preachers Fund Society, of the Louisiana Conference.*

1857. DR.

To cash on hand at last report	$207	34
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $240, with various credits and interest on $139 20 from Dec. 7, 1843	283	96
To note of J. Sanders for $60, with interest from Dec. 18, 1844	118	40
To note of R. M. Crowson for $15, with in'st. from Dec., 18, 1845	28	40
To due-bill of W. R. Glober for $91, with interest from July 26, 1851	135	72
To due-bill of R. Spencer for $80, with interterest from Feb. 15, 1855	92	80
To note of B. A. Houghton for $860 39, with interest on same from Dec. 17, 1844, less amount of $800, on account	897	83
To cash from draft of W. L. Knox on Estlin & Co	800	00
Amount carried over	$2564	45

Amount brought forward		$2564 45
To note of D. O. Shattuck for $52, with interest from Jan. 7, 1848	89 93	
To amount due from R. Stewart (note never in my hands,) for $213 12, with interest from Jan. 1, 1851	317 51	
To amount received from a Friend, for Rev. J. H. Waters	100 00	
		$3071 89

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By note of D. O. Shattuck with interest		$283 96
" " " " " "		89 93
" " " J. Sanders, " "		118 40
" " " R. M. Crowson, " "		28 40
" Due-bill of W. R. Gober, with interest		135 72
" " " R. Spencer, " "		92 80
" Note of B. A. Houghton, with int'st., less $800, (in hands of W. L. Knox)	897 83	
" Note of J. H. Gerding, Pres't., with int'st. from March 18, 1856	858 67	
" Two notes of Jesse Fulton, with int'st. from Jan. 1, 1856	86 93	
" Note of C. J. Hallburg	100 00	
" Amount due from R. Stewart for $213 12, with interest from Jan. 1, 1851,	317 57	
" Cash on hand	61 74	
		$3071 89

COLLECTIONS FOR 1857.

1. The Collection for Home and Foreign Missions.
2. The Widows' and Orphans' Per Cent.
3. The Collection for Bible Cause.
4. The Collection for Tract Cause.

5. Special Collection to build a Church for the First German Mission in New Orleans, and to be credited to the amount raised for General Missions, as per following resolution :

Resolved, That we will in the months of April and May take up in our several Circuits and Stations a collection for the special benefit of the German Mission Work in New Orleans, to be appropriated to the building of a brick Church for the First German Mission of New Orleans, and that the money be remitted to the Rev. H. N. McTyeire, Treasurer, with instructions to give it this direction.

MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTIONS.

1. *Resolved*, That the Rev. Linus Parker be appointed to preach the Annual Conference Sermon.

2. *Resolved*, That we recomend to the Preachers on each Circuit, whenever it is practicable, in each Society to administer the Lord's Supper at least once in three months.

3. *Resolved*, That we find cause for joy and gratitude to God for the harmony, fraternal love and Christian courtesy that have characterized the present session of our Conference.

4. *Resolved*, That this Conference acknowledge the efficient, kind, and impartial manner in which Bishop Kavanaugh has presided over the session now closing; and our thankfulness to the Head of the Church for the gracious providence which has preserved him in the distant visitation to California, and returned him to us again in health.

5. *Resolved*, That the Christian courtesy and liberality of the citizens of Waterproof and vicinity, in entertaining the members of this Conference, and lay-members and visiting brethren, have impressed us with lively sentiments of gratitude and friendship; and we pray that the blessings of God may be commanded upon them, even life forevermore.

6. *Resolved*, That the first Friday of May be set apart as a day of of fasting and Prayer to Almighty God, for a revival of the work of God.

MONUMENTS FOR DECEASED MINISTERS.

The Committee on Monuments reported that the remains of the following Ministers who have labored in Louisiana are resting without tombstones or scarcely a board to mark the spot where they are buried:

Richmond Nolly, in Catahoula.
——— Brewer, at Cotile.
——— Jones, beyond the Calcasieu.
Wm. Hines, at Donaldsonville.
——— Tinder, at the mouth of Bartholomew, in Ouachita Parish.
H. B. Page and two children, burnt on the "Yellow Busha," opposite Bayou Goula.
Wm. Trostrick, in New Orleans.
Jesse A. Guice, in Tensas Parish.
——— Bremer, in New Orleans.
W. H. Turnley, in Catahoula.
Alexander M. Whitney, near Chaneyville.
R. L. Childers, in Carrollton, Jefferson Parish.
Thos. H. Foster, in Baton Rouge.

Resolved, That monuments of white marble, of uniform size and value, be raised to these brethren, with an inscription stating that it is raised by the Louisiana Conference, the place and date of birth and conversion, the date of admission into the travelling connection; the dates and places of successive appointments; the date and place of death, and the last text preached from.

Resolved 2d, That the value of the stone be ——— dollars; and the shape of the stone a solid, two feet square and four feet high, and placed upon a granite base.

Resolved 3d, That each Preacher in the bounds of whose work any traveling preacher may have died, shall ascertain the exact place where his remains lie, and forward a statement of the fact to the Chairman of the Committee at New Orleans.

J. C. Keener, J. B. Walker, and H. N. McTyeire were appointed Standing Committee on Monuments.

COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION AND COURSE OF STUDY FOR 1857.

English Literature.

Committee—A. E. Goodwyn, J. A. Ivy.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—English Grammar, (Butler's), Caldwell's Manual of Elocution—Essay.

STUDIES—CLASS of SECOND YEAR.—Grammar and Elocution continued. Whelpley's Compend of History.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Whateley's Rhetoric—a Sermon.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Whateley's Logic—a Sermon.

Biblical Literature.

Committee—R. J. Harp, Reynolds Trippett.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—Bible History and Biography (Bible.)

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Mitchell's Ancient Geography.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Chronology (Horne's Introduction.)

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Manners and Customs of the Jews, (Horne's Introduction.)

Doctrinal and Controversial Theology.

Committee—Linus Parker, S. B. Suratt.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—First Vol. of Wesley's Sermons, (old edition of 2 vols.), Fletcher's Appeal, Watson's Conversations.

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Second Vol. of Wesley's Sermons, (old edition of 2 vols.), Watson's Apology, Sacraments, (fourth part of Watson's Institutes.)

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Fletcher's Christian Perfection, first and second parts of Watson's Institutes.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Third part of Watson's Institutes, Edgar's Variations of Popery, Power on Universalism.

Ecclesiastical History and Church Government.

Committee—H. N. McTyeire, J. B. Walker.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FIRST YEAR.—Discipline, Clark's Manual.

STUDIES—CLASS OF SECOND YEAR.—Baker on Discipline, Watson's Life of Wesley.

STUDIES—CLASS OF THIRD YEAR.—Mosheim's Church History.

STUDIES—CLASS OF FOURTH YEAR.—Powell on Succession; Whately on Episcopacy.

Resolved, That the Committees of examination, and classes to be examined, be requested to be at the seat of Conference at 9 o'clock on Monday morning preceding the meeting of Conference.

Resolved, That in case of the absence of any member of the examining Committee, the remaining members shall be responsible to the Conference for the examination of the several classes.

VISITING COMMITTEES.

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MANSFIELD FEMALE COLLEGE.—J. L. Chapman, J. L. Wright, Joel Saunders.

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Q. 20. Where are the Preachers stationed this year?

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Moreau street, J. W. JOHNSON.
Wesley, Soule, and Winans Chapel, H. N. MCTYEIRE.
First and Fourth German Missions, J. M. HOFFER.
Second German Mission, J. A. PAULEY.
Third German Mission, G. BUSMAN.
New Orleans Circuit, B. F. ALEXANDER.
Baton Rouge, SAM'L. B. SURATT.
Plaquemine, THOS. B. WHITE.
Gross Tête, SAM'L. HAWES.
Thibodaux, JEPTHA LANDRUM.
Lafourche and Bayou Black Circuit and Mission, THOS. L. BEARD and JESSE FULTON.
Atchafalaya, D. M. K. COLLINS.
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Agent Tract Society, R. J. HARP.

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New Iberia Circuit, J. H. Waters.
Opelousas, S. J. Hawkins.
St. Landry Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Chicot Circuit, H. Avery and Robt. Parvin.
Alexandria, C. J. Halberg.
North Rapides Circuit and Colored Mission, W. D. Stayton and U. Whatley, Sup'y.
Harrisonburg Circuit, C. W. Hodge.
Columbia Circuit, W. A. Manly.
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Shreveport, Jas. L. Chapman.
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Natchitoches Circuit, D. S. McBride.
Sparta Circuit, W. A. Smyth.
Red River Circuit, J. L. Wright.
Red River Colored Mission, to be supplied.
North Bossier, E. A. Stephenson.
President of Mansfield Female College, H. C. Thweatt.
Vice President and Professor of Mathematics, E. D. Pitts.
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Bœuf River Circuit, John H. Boult.
Bœuf Prairie Circuit, Uriah Riley.
Waterproof and Tensas Chapel, B. F. White.
Tensas Colored Mission, E. W. Griswold, T. J. Upton.
Trinity Circuit, John C. Pitts.
St. Joseph and Wesley Chapel, Thomas J. Lacy, and P. H. Dieffienweirth, Sup'y.
Mount Bayou and Bayou Vidal, J. A. Miller.
Richmond Circuit, P. M. Goodwyn.
Madison Colored Mission, to be supplied.
Superannuates, Wm. Stevenson, Thos. Samford.
Next Conference to be held at Mansfield.